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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Board of Health and Industry Representatives

FROM: MDPH Bureau of Environmental Health – Food Protection Program

DATE: April, 2009

RE: FDA's Employee Health and Personal Hygiene Handbook

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform all local boards of health and industry representatives that there are sections in this recently released Food and Drug Administration's **Employee Health and Personal Hygiene Handbook** (hereafter referred to as Handbook) that are superseded by Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations 105 CMR 590.000: State Sanitary Code Chapter X – Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments, which adopts the 1999 FDA Food Code and 105 CMR 300.000: Reportable Diseases and Isolation and Quarantine Requirements.

The following Guidelines can be found on the Food Protection Program website at www.mass.gov/dph/fpp under Retail Food, Policies and Guidelines, Management and Personnel.

- Board of Health Guideline for Exclusions and Restrictions of Food Employees and Applicants (PDF) | Word
- Employee/Applicant Reporting Agreement Model Form (PDF) | Word
- Industry Guideline for Excluding and Restricting Food Employees in Establishments Serving the General Population (PDF) | Word
- Industry Guideline for Excluding and Restricting Food Employees in Establishments Serving a Highly Susceptible Population (PDF) | Word

Please note that FORM 1-D on page 41 of the Handbook is not applicable in Massachusetts since the Suspension of "Alternative Bare Hand Contact Procedures" became effective in July, 2004 [105 CMR 590.004 (E) and 1999 FC 3-301.11 (B)] in response to an increase in Hepatitis A.

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